

FEMA Provides an Additional \$2.48 Million to Utah for COVID-19 Response

DENVER – FEMA has approved \$2.48 million in additional Public Assistance funding for the COVID-19 response in Utah. The assistance was made available under a major disaster declaration issued April 4, 2020. FEMA has provided more than \$267 million in Public Assistance funds for the Utah COVID-19 response to date.

FEMA's latest Public Assistance grant reimburses the Utah Department of Health for the cost to reserve facilities used for the long-term care of COVID-19 positive patients. Facilities were reserved to provide skilled nursing care for COVID-19 positive long-term care patients upon discharge from acute care, or that were transferred from other long-term care facilities to prevent further transmission of the COVID-19 virus. Ninety-three beds were reserved at three separate facilities within the state of Utah. The funding covers costs incurred by the Utah Department of Health from November 1, 2021, through February 13, 2022.

For the COVID-19 response, FEMA has simplified the Public Assistance application and funding process to address the magnitude of this event and to allow local officials to receive eligible funding more quickly. These reimbursements play a critical role as state, local and tribal officials work to assist their communities during this response.

Additional information about FEMA's Public Assistance program can be found at www.fema.gov/assistance/public.



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